proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution of India:—

(1) G.S.R. NO.. 182(E), dated the 31st March, 1997, publishing the Ministry of Surface Transport (Roads Wing) Central Engineering Service (Roads) Group 'A' (Amendment) Rules, 1997.

(2) G.S.R. No. 183(E), dated the 31st March, 1997, publishing the Ministry of Surface Transport (Roads Wing) Central Engineering Pool Group 'A' (Amendment) Rules, 1997. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-2190/97 for (1) and (2)]

(3) G.S.R. No. 543, dated the 30th November, 1996, published the Mercantile Marine, Departments, Mumbai, Jamnagar and Mormugao and Regional Offices (Sails), Mumbai and Jamnagar (Group C and Group D posts) Amendment Rules, 1996. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-2235/97]

III. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Surface Transport, under sub-section (3) of section 458 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958:—

(i) G.S.R. No. 129, dated the 1st March, 1997, publishing the Merchant Shipping (Sailing Vessels) Rules, 1997.

(ii) G.S.R. No. 155, dated the 15th March, 1997, publishing the Merchant Shipping (Registration of Indian Ships) Amendment Rules, 1997. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-2236/97 for (i) and (ii)]

Memorandum of understanding (1997-98) between the Government of India (Ministry of Defence, Department of Defence Production and Supplies) and Bharat Dynamics Limited

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री मुलायम सिंह यादव): महोदया, मैं 1997-98 के वर्ष के लिए भारत सरकार (रक्षा मंत्रालय, रक्षा उत्पादन और आपूर्ति विभाग) और भारत डायनामिक्स लिमिटेड के बीच सम्पन्न सहमति ज्ञापन की एक प्रति (अंग्रेजी तथा हिन्दी में) सभा पटल पर रखता हूं। [पुस्तकालय में रखी गई। देखिए संख्या एल०टी०-2227/97]

Notification of Ministry of Labour

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): Madam, I lay on the Table, under sub-section (4) of Section 97 of the Employees' state Insurance (Amendment) Act, 1948 a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Labour Notification G.S.R. No. 226, dated the 10th May, 1997 publishing the amendment to the ESI (Central) Rules, 1950. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-2272/97]

Notifications of the Ministry of Home Affairs

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MAQBOOL DAR): I lay on the Table—

I. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Notification G.S.R. No. 273, dated the 5th July, 1997, publishing the Border Security Force (Medical Officer Cadre) (Amendment) Rules, 1997, under sub-section (3) of Section 141 of the Border Security Force Act, 1968. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-2244/97]

II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Home Affairs, under-subsection (3) of Section 490 of the Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, 1957:—

(i) Order No. U. 14011/160-89-Delhi, dated the 29th November, 1996, regarding the extension of period of supersession of MCD for an additional period of three months w.e.f. 1st December, 1996.

(ii) Order No. U. 14011/160-89-Delhi, dated the 28th

February, 1997, regarding the extension of period of supersession of MCD for an additional period of one month w.e.f. 1st March, 1997. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-2205/97]

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I have to inform Members that a letter has been received from Shri Vizol stating that he has fallen ill and has been under medical treatment. He has requested that he may be granted Leave of Absence for the remaining period of the 181st Session of the Rajya Sabha.

Does he have the permission of the House for remaining absent for the remaining period of the 181st Session of the Rajya Sabha?

(No hon. Member dissented)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Permission to remain absent is granted.

RE: WHEREABOUTS OF SHRI SANJOY GHOSE, KIDNAPPED BY ULFA

SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI (Uttar Pradesh): Madam, Chairperson, I want to refer to the case of Shri Sanjoy Ghose. I never met this young officer. He is a social activist. I read some of his articles eight or ten years back when he was working in Bikaner. It is unfortunate that till today we don't know what his fate is, Conflicting reports are appearing in newspapers, in this regard. We don't know what are the reports with the Assam Government, what are the reports with the Home Ministry and what are the reports with the Defence Ministry. Unfortunately, it came out that a boat in which he was being carried, kidnapped, got catapulted and he was drowned. Again the next day, a news came on the basis of information sent by ULFA headquarters itself that he is safe and he has been carried somewhere. This morning again, we find that two army officers, one very senior Brigadier and another Lt. General have said that the army has definite information through intelligence services—I don't want to go into all this—that he is no more. This is very unfortunate. We see pictures of woebegone members of the family, his wife, his children and his mother. The entire country is agitated on this issue. Unfortunately, we don't yet have any authentic information about him. Even the Home Minister says that the Government of India has not been able to get any information. The Assam Government has completely failed in its duty to get him traced. The country is entitled to know what the destiny of this man is. That will indicate what is the tryst with destiny during the time of this golden jubilee celebration of our Independence on which we are spending so much money with such pomp and show, *shamiyanas* and everything. Madam, this is just symolic of the interest that the Government takes in the life of the common citizen. Here is a common citizen who could have become anything in this country, could have risen to the higest of posts in the Government or elsewhere, as I have learnt from newspapers. You are not at all concerned with the fate of this one person because that is the index of the destiny of this country and the so-called tryst which we have attained in this golden jubilee year of our Independence.

श्री ईश दत्त यादव (उत्तर प्रेदश): महोदया, बलिया जिले में पुलिस और प्रशासन ने...**(व्यवधान)**

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: There are no two...Ish Duttji, please sit down. It is a different issue. ईश दत्त जी, बैठ जाइए। यह एक अलग बात है। एक आदमी को पकड़कर ले गए, उनके बारे में सबको हमदर्दी हो रही है और आप बलिया बीच में ला रहे हैं। आप बाद में बोलिएगा। अभी जवाब दे रहे हैं मिनिस्टर साहब। कोई सीरियसनैस नहीं है। क्या पोलिटिक्स लाईफ में हम लोग किसी की जिंदगी की कोई कीमत नहीं मानते? बोलिए मंत्री जी।

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA): Madam, Mr. Chaturvedi has given expression to the very deep concern, and grief,